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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the below-identified paragraph of the specification with the following replacement paragraph set forth in re-written "clean form":

On page 1, lines 3-11:

B¹ -- This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of the following United States provisional patent applications: (1) Provisional Application No. 60/166,594, filed November 19, 1999, for "Selectable Cell Surface Marker Genes;" (2) Provisional Application No. 60/304,204, filed November 19, 1999, for "Selective Marker Genes," and (3) Provisional Application No. 60/266,331, filed March 30, 2000 for "Selectable Marker Genes." The disclosures of these three provisional applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-6, 8, 10-14, 16, 17, and 20-29 as follows:

- B²
1. (Amended) A method of identifying genetically modified mammalian cells comprising the steps of:
 - a) introducing a nucleic acid sequence encoding a mutated protein-tyrosine kinase receptor (PTKR) operatively linked to an expression control sequence into a mammalian cell to form a genetically modified mammalian cell, wherein the mutated PTKR comprises modifications to the intracellular and the extracellular domains, comprises a modification to the extracellular domain, or excludes any nerve growth factor receptor(s) (NGFR) and comprises a modification to the intracellular domain;
 - b) allowing expression of the mutated PTKR in the genetically modified mammalian cell; and
 - c) identifying said genetically modified mammalian cell expressing the mutated PTKR.